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Title : WIRE RETAINER

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- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japan  
Application No. 2002-339882, filed November 22, 2002.  
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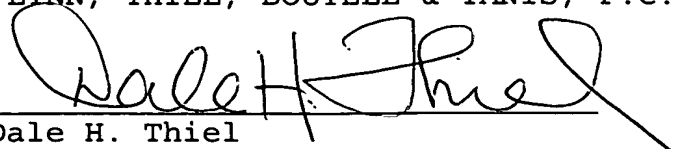
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Document(s) attached:

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